Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Total number of cashewnut factories working in the State in 1112 was 46.

Total number working up to the end of Edavom 1113 was 41.

A statement *showing the places where the factories are located with the number of factories in each place and the name of the owner or proprietor of each of the factories is appended.

(*b*) Total number of coolies employed in all the factories together in the year 1112——20719.

Total number of coolies up to the end of Edavom 1113——17271.

(*c*) Total number of children below 12 in all the factories together in 1112 ——2234.

Total number of children below 12 in all the factories together up till Medom 1113——2175.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there are two more factories working large scale, one at Alwaye and the other at Perumbavoor?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: Sir, I claim notice.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether, from the answer to part (c), age-limit is fixed with regard to the factories?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: Sir, I would refer the honourable member to Act VIII of 1114.

Office of the Director of Development.

16. * **Mr. Sultan Muhiadheen** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the strength of the staff of the Director of Development and the total annual expenditure under establishment and contingencies;

(*b*) the name, qualification, caste and age of the Stenotypist of the Director of Development;

(*c*) whether he was appointed by the Public Service Commissioner:

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reason for the same and the total service to his credit on the date of his appointment; and

(*e*) whether better qualified men were available for the post?

Mr. S. Kamesam (*Director of Development*): †(*a*) and (*b*) Statements furnishing the information are laid on the table:

*Vide Appendix I.

†Vide Appendix II.

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(*c*) No.

(*d*) A steno typist was required for work urgently. The candidate had no previous service under Government.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*d*).

South Ariad-Arattuvazhi Road.

17. * **Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have called for an estimate for the opening of the South Ariad-Arattuvazhi road;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the estimated cost for the road; and

(*c*) whether landowners have consented to surrender required lands free of compensation?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Detailed estimate has not been prepared. Approximate cost will be Rs. 7,000.

(*c*) Yes.

Public Service Commissioner's Department.

18. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to abolish the Public Service Commissioner's Department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know Sir, the number of departments that were placed under the control of the Public Service Commissioner for the purpose of recruitment to public service at the time, and the approximate number of appointments made by the department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I claim notice.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether subsequently any departments were taken away from his control?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No, Sir.

State Transport Bus Service.

19. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the State Transport Bus Service is beyond the purview of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules made thereunder by the Commissioner of Police; and

(*b*) whether the employees of the State Transport Department are included under the category of public servants of Government?

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